

Sutton Bonington Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Sutton Bonington Parish Council that was held on Monday 7th October 2024 at 7.00 PM in the pavilion

Present:

- Cllr Burgess, Cllr D Collings, Cllr Gillis, Cllr Hardisty, Cllr Harrod, Cllr Hood, Cllr Hughes, Cllr Jackson and Cllr Watson. County/Borough Councillor Barney and the clerk were also in attendance.

945/2024 – Welcome and introduction of co-opted councillors and completion of declaration of interest forms

- The chair welcomed Clare Watson to the parish council as a newly co-opted member. Councillors introduced themselves.

946/2024 – Resolution to receive apologies for absence

- Apologies from Cllr Cameron and Cllr White were noted and accepted.

947/2024 – Resolution to receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda

- Councillors agreed that if a declaration of interest had been noted then that councillor could take part in the discussion but could not vote.
- Cllr Hood declared an interest on item 959 as a member of the football club.

948/2024 – Report from Police/County/Borough Councillors

Cllr Barney's report included:

- Thanked Cllr Hood for his letter regarding the memorial and that this was presented to full council, it was well received and had a lot of support and will now be passed to the CEO.
- Thanked Cllr Hughes for his work on the petition for Charnwood Avenue and that an appraisal of the road and whether it can be adopted has been presented to full council.
- The power station has now officially closed and that the UK are the first county to not have coal power.
- A site meeting has been arranged in the village for the 18th October to review the areas of concern and to look at what NCC and RBC can do.

949/2024 – Public Forum

- N/A

950/2024 – Resolution to approve the minutes from the meeting held on the 9th September 2024

- A copy of the minutes from the September meeting were circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr Burgess proposed that they be accepted as a true record of the meeting, this was seconded by Cllr Collings and all councillors who were present at the meeting were in agreement.

951/2024 – Resolution to approve payments and update from finance working party, including CIL

- The clerk circulated a copy of the financial summary to councillors prior to the meeting, which showed income of £944.00 and expenditure of £4,616.37. Cllr Harrod proposed the payments, these were seconded by Cllr Collings and all councillors were in agreement.
- The clerk reported that a copy of the completed external audit report had been circulated to councillors and was available on the website. It was noted that it was a clean audit with no actions.
ACTION: Payments to be made.

952/2024 – Resolution to approve quote for the tree survey and agree actions

- The clerk shared a copy of the two quotes received. Cllr Hughes asked if this survey could be used for the pavilion, Cllr Hood reported that it could but that it would not be done within timescale for the submission of the planning application.
- Cllr Gillis proposed that quote A be accepted, this was seconded by Cllr Hughes and all councillors were in agreement.
ACTION: Clerk to appoint contractor.

953/2024 – Resolution to approve the purchase and installation of benches at Hungary Lane and Zouch

- Councillors were in agreement with the purchase of the replacement bench for the bottom of Hungary Lane but agreed that we need to find a suitable location for the bench at Zouch and to ensure that there is appropriate demand for it.
ACTION: Clerk to sworder bench for Hungary Lane and Cllr Watson to speak with Zouch residents and look for suitable location.

954/2024 – To discuss the footpaths at Zouch and Marle Pitt Hill and agree actions

- It was reported that the footpath from Marle Pitt Hill to Bollards Lane is closed because of work to a property and that it is expected to re-open in December. It was agreed to monitor this and if the footpath is not open in January to contact NCC.
- It was reported that the footpath from Hathern to Zouch has been closed for some time and that Hathern Parish Council have created a petition to try to formalise the footpath on the eastern side of the river. Councillors agreed that they would formally write to Hathern Parish Council offering their support.
- *ACTION: Letter of support to be sent to Hathern Parish Council.*

955/2024 – To discuss the play area reports and agree actions

- A copy of the recent play area report was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.
 - A copy of the quote for works to the play area was presented to councillors and councillors agreed to proceed with the installation of the matting portion of the quote. It was agreed that the clerk would check the price for the benches and ask how long the warranty is for the matting.
- ACTION: Clerk to check warranty and costs for benches.*

956/2024 – Feedback from the village show 2024

- Councillors agreed that they would like more feedback from the village show committee and how the event had gone, both positive and negative, if there is any additional support that the parish council can offer, perhaps have a copy of their meeting minutes.
- It was agreed that the village show agreement would be reviewed for 2025.

957/2024 – Update on the village wide task list and agree actions

- It was noted that there is a site meeting on the 18th October to look at how NCC and RBC can help with the areas of concern that have been raised.
 - Cllr Hardisty reported that the dog bag dispenser has now been installed.
 - It was noted that the hedge outside The Old Rectory and the last entry gate on Landcroft Lane need reporting.
- ACTION: Actions to be reported on the app.*

958/2024 – Planning & Land

- Cllr Jackson reported that the conservation area consultation will take place from the 18th October to the 11th November and that there will be a consultation event taking place in the village hall on the 28th October from 4.00 – 7.00 PM.
 - It was reported that the UoN have put up three additional no parking signs on Landcroft Lane.
 - It was noted that the foot bridge on Marle Pitt Hill is being assessed and that they are looking to combine the budgets so that the wall and the bridge can be done at the same time.
 - It was noted that RBC have updated their local plan with an allocation of 400 homes over 7 years.
 - A copy of the final plans for the pavilion along with the planning application were circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. It was noted that there is a mandatory requirement to have a biodiversity net gain report done. Councillors questioned whether the pavilion development was under the threshold. It was agreed that this would be checked and that if we needed to go ahead quote A would be accepted.
- ACTION: Check threshold for net gain report and advertise consultation event.*

959/2024 – Working party updates

- Cllr Burgess reported that defibrillator training has been scheduled for the 20th and 25th November at 7.00 PM in the village hall.
 - A Cllr Hood thanked the flood wardens for the amazing job they are doing. It was agreed that with permission details of the flood wardens would be added to the website/noticeboards.
 - Cllr Jackson asked about removal of the tree guards and how many they were doing, it was agreed that the clerk would find out more details.
 - The biodiversity group requested that a formal letter be sent to the UoN regarding the increased volume of slurry being used.
 - A copy of the updated CIL spreadsheet was circulated to councillors.
- ACTION: Clerk*

960/2024 – Agenda items for the November meeting/future agenda's

- Report from finance working party and 25/26 budget
- Allotment update
- Planning/land
- Best Kept Village 2025

961/2024 – Date of next meeting

- The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 11th November at 7.00 PM in the pavilion.

Closed at 20:22

AGREED AS A TRUE RECORD OF THE MEETING

NAME:

SIGNATURE:

DATE: